

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00729-RC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
et al
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/19/2017
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/19/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against US DEPARTMENT OF STATE <i>ET AL.</i> (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4919594) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons DOS, # <u>5</u> Summons USAID)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/19/2017)
04/19/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/19/2017)
04/21/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Form)(sb) (Entered: 04/21/2017)
04/27/2017	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of All Defendants (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 04/27/2017)
04/27/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/25/2017. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/25/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/25/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/25/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/27/2017)
05/25/2017	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 05/25/2017)
05/25/2017		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by June 9, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/25/2017. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/25/2017)
05/26/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 6/9/2017 (hs) (Entered: 05/26/2017)

06/08/2017	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 06/08/2017)
06/08/2017		MINUTE ORDER adopting <u>7</u> the parties' joint proposal: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report every 60 days informing the court of the status of this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/8/2017. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/08/2017)
08/07/2017	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/07/2017)
10/06/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/06/2017)
12/05/2017	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/05/2017)
02/05/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
04/03/2018	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sherri L. Morgan on behalf of U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/06/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
08/03/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/11/2018	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Damon Taaffe and Sherri Morgan (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
11/27/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
01/28/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 07/31/2019)

09/24/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/24/2019)
11/20/2019	<u>24</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Jason Cohen (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/20/2019)